

Forces, including National Guard and Reserve personnel, who are deployed in service to the United States; and

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Honoring the sacrifice and courage of the six missing miners and three rescuers who were killed in the Crandall Canyon mine disaster in Utah, and recognizing the rescue crews for their outstanding efforts in the aftermath of the tragedies: H. Res. 631, to honor the sacrifice and courage of the six missing miners and three rescuers who were killed in the Crandall Canyon mine disaster in Utah, and to recognize the rescue crews for their outstanding efforts in the aftermath of the tragedies.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, September 4th:

Calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to remove barriers to United States financial services firms doing business in China: H. Res. 552, to call on the Government of the People's Republic of China to remove barriers to United States financial services firms doing business in China, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 401 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 850.

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In Memory of the late Honorable Paul Gillmor of Ohio: The House agreed to H. Res. 632, expressing the condolences of the House on the death of the Honorable Paul Gillmor, a Representative from the State of Ohio.

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Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the passing of Representative Gillmor, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 433.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H10157–59.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10111, H10112–13, H10113–14, and H10114. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 9:19 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 632, it stands adjourned in memory of the late Honorable Paul Gillmor.

Committee Meetings

IRAQI GOVERNMENT'S RECORD OF PERFORMANCE

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Comptroller General's assessment of the Iraqi government's record of performance. Testimony was

heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO.

DOD'S ROLE IN PROVINCIAL RECONSTRUCTION TEAMS ROLE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the role of the Department of Defense in provincial reconstruction teams. Testimony was heard from Ginger Cruz, Deputy Inspector General, Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction; and public witnesses.

EMPLOYMENT NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on H.R. 2015, Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Representatives Frank of Massachusetts, Baldwin, and Cleaver; and public witnesses.

CREDIT AND MORTGAGE MARKETS RECENT EVENTS

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Recent Events in the Credit and Mortgage Markets and Possible Implications for U.S. Consumers and the Global Economy." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Robert K. Steel, Under Secretary, Domestic Finance; and John C. Dugan, Comptroller of the Currency; Sheila Bair, Chairman, FDIC; and Erik R. Sirri, Director, Division of Market Regulation, SEC.

IRAQI BENCHMARKS: AN OBJECTIVE ASSESSMENT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on Iraqi Benchmarks: An Objective Assessment. Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO.

SECURITY GAPS—HOLDING DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY GAPS

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "Holding the Department of Homeland Security Accountable for Security Gaps." Testimony was heard from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

TASK FORCE ON ANTITRUST AND COMPETITION POLICY; WARRANTLESS SURVEILLANCE; AND FISA

Committee on the Judiciary: Agreed to a resolution establishing a Task Force on Antitrust and Competition Policy.

The Committee also held a hearing on Warrantless Surveillance and the Foreign Intelligence

Surveillance Act: The Role of Checks and Balances in Protecting Americans' Privacy Rights. Testimony was heard from former Representative Bob Barr of Georgia; and public witnesses.

NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 11–1, an open rule with a preprinting requirement. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 2786, Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill.

The rule provides that any amendment to the bill must be preprinted in the Congressional Record. Each amendment so printed may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee and shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. The rule tables H. Res. 595, H. Res. 596, H. Res. 613, and H. Res. 614. Testimony was heard from Chairman Frank and Representative Pearce.

VOTER CONFIDENCE AND INCREASED ACCESSIBILITY ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Heard testimony from Chairman Brady and Representatives Lofgren, Holt, Ehlers, Conaway, and Fortuño, but action was deferred on H.R. 811, Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act of 2007.

LIQUID FUEL FROM COAL BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on the Benefits and Challenges of Producing Liquid Fuel from Coal: The Role for Federal Research. Testimony was heard from Richard D. Boardman, the Secure Energy Initiative Head, Idaho National Laboratory, Department of Energy; Joseph Romm, former Acting Assistant Secretary, Center for Energy and Climate Solutions, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT BRIDGES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held a hearing on Structurally Deficient Bridges in the United States. Testimony was heard from Represent-

ative Ellison; the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Mary E. Peters, Secretary; and Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General; Mark V. Rosenker, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; from the following officials of the State of Minnesota: R.T. Rybak, Mayor, Minneapolis; and Robert J. McFarlin, Assistant to the Commissioner, Policy and Public Affairs, Department of Transportation; Kathleen Novak, Mayor, Northglenn, Colorado; Kirk T. Steudle, Director, Department of Transportation, State of Michigan; Malcolm T. Kerley, Chief Engineer, Department of Transportation, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

COLLEGE COST REDUCTION ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2669, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 601 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine a report on the findings of the Iraqi Security Forces Independent Assessment Commission, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing to examine issues relating to the treatment of detainees, 5 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the potential human health, water quality, and other impacts of the confined animal feeding operation industry, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: to continue hearings to examine carried interest (Part III), focusing on pension issues, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Charles E. F. Millard, of New York, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 10 a.m., SD–628.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine a Department of Homeland Security status report, focusing on assessing challenges and measuring progress, 1:30 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 453, to prohibit deceptive practices in Federal elections, S. 1692, to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated, S. 1845, to provide for limitations in certain communications between the Department of Justice and the White House Office relating to civil and criminal investigations, S. 772, to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage